

**- House Passes Bill Preventing the Purging of Numbers Every 5 Years -**

Washington, DC – U.S. Rep. John Hall (D-NY19) voted last night to save Americans on the National Do Not Call Registry from having to reregister every five years. H.R. 3541, the Do Not Call Improvement Act, would eliminate the existing Federal Trade Commission policy of removing phone numbers from the Do Not Call Registry five years after the numbers are added to the list.

"Nothing is more frustrating than sitting down to dinner with your family only to be interrupted by a telemarketer," said Hall. "We should save Americans the hassle of having to sign up repeatedly for the Do Not Call list."

Over 132 million home and mobile telephone numbers have been added to the National Do Not Call Registry since its inception on June 27, 2003. Current regulations require that the registry delete individuals' numbers after five years, so that people have to sign up again every five years. As a result, if nothing is done, in June 2008, millions of people will lose the protections that come from being on the list.

"Most people don't know that they might need to resubmit their number if they want to keep blocking telemarketers' phone calls," said Hall. "This bill is a common-sense solution to keep people from having to worry about signing up for the Do Not Call list every five years."

Identical legislation, S. 2096, has been introduced in the Senate and was approved by the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation in October.

People can register for the [Do Not Call list online](#) or call toll-free, 1-888-382-1222 (TTY 1-866-290-4236), from the number they wish to register. Registration is free.